

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

TRAVIS BUNTIN,	)	
	)	Supreme Court Nos. S-17309/17519
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	U.S. District Court No. 3:16-CV-
v.	)	00073 (TMB)
	)	
SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY	)	
CORPORATION,	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	<b>Withdraw and Reissue Opinion</b>
Defendant.	)	
	)	June 11, 2021

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Before: Bolger, Chief Justice, Winfree, Maassen, Carney, and Borghesan, Justices

Having considered Travis Buntin's Petition for Rehearing and Schlumberger Technology Corporation's response,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Petition for Rehearing is **GRANTED IN PART** but otherwise **DENIED**, and:

1. Opinion No. 7521 issued on April 23, 2021, is **WITHDRAWN**.
2. Opinion No. 7535 is issued on June 11, 2021, in its place, revising footnote 82 as follows:

One question left open in today's decision is whether, in addition to being precluded from giving exemptions a narrow reading, Alaska courts are required to apply general federal rules of statutory interpretation methodologies in lieu of our "sliding scale approach," see *Mat-Su Valley Med. Ctr., LLC v. Bolinder*, 427 P.3d 754, 763 (Alaska 2018), when deciding cases involving AWHHA exemptions explicitly linked to federal interpretation, as white collar exemptions are. The parties did not brief or argue this issue, and we do not decide it today. We note, as some scholars have pointed out, that it is not entirely clear what the federal rules of statutory

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interpretation **methodologies** are, ~~and, where they exist,~~ **or** how binding they are. See Abbe R. Gluck, *Intersystemic Statutory Interpretation: Methodology as “Law” and the Erie Doctrine*, 120 YALE L. J. 1898, 1909-11 (2011) (noting that federal rules of statutory interpretation, with some notable exceptions, are largely unresolved).

Entered by direction of the court.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

/s/

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